



House of Representatives

File No. 708

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 5557
As Amended by House
Amendment Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner
May 1, 2004

**AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED BY COURT REPORTERS
AND MONITORS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 51-63 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July*
3 *1, 2004*):

4 (c) In addition to other compensation, official and assistant reporters
5 and monitors shall be entitled to charge a party or other individual
6 [one dollar and seventy-five cents] three dollars for each transcript
7 page which is or previously was transcribed from the original record
8 as provided by law, provided the charge to any such party or other
9 individual shall be one dollar and seventy-five cents for each page for
10 which a charge of three dollars already has been made, except that (1)
11 the charge to any official of the state, or any of its agencies, boards or
12 commissions or of any municipality of the state, acting in his official
13 capacity, shall be one dollar and fifty cents for each transcript page
14 which is or previously was transcribed from the official record,
15 provided the charge to any such official shall be fifty cents for each

16 page for which a charge of one dollar and fifty cents already has been
17 made, (2) there shall be no charge to the state's attorney, assistant
18 state's attorney or deputy assistant state's attorney for a transcript
19 provided pursuant to subsection (d) of section 51-61, and (3) there shall
20 be no charge to the court for a transcript provided pursuant to
21 subsection (f) of section 51-61. For the purposes of this subsection,
22 "transcript page" means a page consisting of twenty-seven double-
23 spaced lines on paper eight and one-half by eleven inches in size, with
24 sixty spaces available per line. The Chief Court Administrator shall
25 adopt policies and procedures necessary to implement the provisions
26 of this section, including but not limited to, the establishment and
27 administration of a system of fees for production of expedited
28 transcripts.

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2004</i>

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill increases the transcription fees that court reporters and monitors charge private parties. There is no associated fiscal impact.

House Amendment "A" eliminated the bill's increase in the statutory fees that court reporters and monitors charge state agencies or municipalities for transcripts, it thereby eliminated the state and municipal cost in the bill.

OLR BILL ANALYSIS

HB 5557 (as amended by House "A")*

AN ACT CONCERNING FEES CHARGED BY COURT REPORTERS AND MONITORS**SUMMARY:**

This bill increases the fee court reporters and monitors charge for the first copy of a transcript from \$1.75 to \$3.00 per page. Subsequent copies are charged at the current rate of \$1.75 per page.

By law, state and municipal officials pay \$1.50 per page but once an official has paid this fee, subsequent officials pay 50 cents per page. The law also prohibits court reporters from charging a state's attorney for a copy when the transcript is requested by a party of record, and they cannot charge the court for a copy when the transcript is requested by a state's attorney or a party of record.

*House Amendment "A" limits the \$3.00 per page fee to first copies of transcripts and eliminates increased fees for state and municipal officials.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2004

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

On March 30, the House referred the bill (File 238) to the Appropriations Committee. The committee reported it favorably without change on April 7.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Judiciary Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 38 Nay 0

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 48 Nay 0